

Amendments to the Claims

1. *(Original)* Compound for improving the wrinkle resistance in fabrics, comprising:
 - a wrinkle-reducing active substance comprising at least one softening agent, and
 - at least one liquid carrier for carrying the active substance, characterized in that the wrinkle-reducing active substance further comprises at least one crosslinking agent for substantially crosslinking said softening agent at increased temperature.
2. *(Original)* Compound according to claim 1, characterized in that every molecule of the softening agent has multiple hydroxyl and/or amino groups.
3. *(Original)* Compound according to claim 2, characterized in that the softening agent is a silicon-based softening agent.
4. *(Currently Amended)* Compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the crosslinking agent comprises at least one organically modified polyalkoxy silane.
5. *(Currently Amended)* Compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the compound further comprises at least one catalyst for crosslinking the softening agent.
6. *(Currently Amended)* Compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the content of the active substance in the liquid carrier is between 2 and 20 by weight percents.
7. *(Currently Amended)* Compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the crosslinking agent content in the active substance is dependent on the amount of reactive groups in the softening agent.

8. *(Currently Amended)* Compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the compound is provided with additives, preferably a surfactant, a fragrance, and a preservative.

9. *(Currently Amended)* Wrinkle reducing active substance as used in a compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ 1 to 8 claim 1.

10. *(Currently Amended)* Device for containing a compound according to ~~one of the claims~~ 1 to 8 claim 1, comprising at least one container for containing at least part of said compound, wherein said container is provided with at least one outlet for applying said compound to a fabric.

11. *(Original)* Device according to claim 10, characterized in that the device comprises a first container for the at least one softening agent dispersed in a first liquid carrier, and a second container for the at least one crosslinking agent dispersed in a second liquid carrier.

12. *(Currently Amended)* Device according to ~~claim 10 or 11~~ claim 10, characterized in that the device is adapted to be removably coupled to an iron.

13. *(Currently Amended)* Method of improving the wrinkle resistance in a fabric by the use of a compound according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ 1 to 8 claim 1, comprising the steps of:

- A) applying the compound to the fabric,
- B) removing the wrinkles in the fabric,
- C) permitting the liquid carrier to evaporate at least partly, and
- D) crosslinking the softening agent by increasing the temperature of the fabric.

14. *(Original)* Method according to claim 13, characterized in that the application of the compound to the fabric according to step A) is realized by means of a domestic appliance.

15. *(Currently Amended)* Method according to ~~claim 13 or 14~~claim 13, characterized in that the removal of the wrinkles in the fabric according to step B) is realized by means of an iron at an increased temperature compared with room temperature.

16. *(Currently Amended)* Method according to ~~one of the foregoing claims 13 to 15~~claim 13, characterized in that step C) is carried out during step B).

17. *(Currently Amended)* Method according to ~~one of the claims 13 to 16~~claim 13, characterized in that in step A) the softening agent and the crosslinking agent are separately applied to the fabric.